

The Formation of Global Norms in a Changing World Order

12-23 July 2021

Course schedule

WEEK ONE:

Monday: Need for (and sources of) international legal norms. The session will deal with the basics of International law and why legal regulation of International interaction is necessary.

Tuesday: International agreements and the potentially unequal position of parties in concluding them. The session will look at treaties, which are the most common mechanism for legal norm creation, and connected issues.

Wednesday: Customary law and the power of states to influence its development. Unwritten rules play an important part in international interaction. This session will show how these rules develop and what practical problems arise in relation to them.

Thursday: Formation of international regimes and the effect of regimes. The session will engage with clusters of norms and conflicts that arise when one issue is regulated in different regimes.

Friday: The power/influence of small states in the current legal system. The week will conclude with a session on how different actors can utilise international legal norms for their benefit.

WEEK TWO:

Monday: Norms in International Relations. We will look at how IR scholars understand the formation of norms and the role of norms in international politics.

Tuesday: Changing world order – institutions. We will look at the role institutions play in maintaining the world order. We will also look at the impact of new non-Western multilateral institutions have on the changing world order.

Wednesday: Changing world order – economics. We will look at the role of multilateral trade agreements and the flow of capital on international relations. The rise of China and its impact on world order will also be discussed.

Thursday: Small states and global norms. Norms have been called the weapon of the weak. How can small states contribute to the formation of global norms? What impact to global norms have on small states?

Friday: Western norms in a post-Western world. We will look at the role of non-Western ideas in shaping the coming world order as well as the interception of Western norms in non-Western locations.

The lecture timings are the following:

10:00 - 11:30: First part of the lecture

11:30 - 11:45: 15-minute break

11:45 - 13:15: Second part of the lecture